



August 15, 1995

Mr. Mark Kim Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, N. W. Washington, DC 20463

Re: Richard Lewis

Dear Mr. Kim:

MUR 4012



Pursuant to my facsimile message of last Thursday, I am forwarding herewith a hard copy of my affidavit, duly sign and notarized.

If you need further information from me, please advise.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Whittle

Enclosure

AFFADIVIT

The Affiant, Joseph M. Whittle, being first duly sworn, states as follows:

I am 62 years of age and have been a practicing attorney for more than 40 years. I live at
Prospect, Kentucky, 40059. From 1986 until July 31, 1993
I was United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky

Sometime in early 1993 Richard Lewis, whom I had known for some three or four years, telephoned me urging that I run for Congress from the 3rd Congressional District in the 1994 election cycle. Various other persons also contacted me with the same request.

I answered that I would not consider such or give an answer until I left the U. S. Attorney's office.

After I left office on July 31, 1993, the "urging" calls increased with the general theme being that the only announced candidate at that time was too liberal. Among those calling and perhaps the most insistent was Richard Lewis, whose primary interest seemed to be in making meaningful reform to the nations health care system. I specifically recall that he complained that both parties were missing the point on health care. He finally told me that if 1, or some other viable conservative candidate did not run against the announced candidate, Susan Stokes, he intended to run as an independent

I urged Mr. Lewis to stay in the Republican Party and run in the Republican Primary. However, he opined that the Republican Party in Jefferson County was already committed to Susan Stokes and that only I (due to the extensive favorable publicity I received while U. S. Attorney) could defeat her in a primary election.

I have known Mr. Lewis for approximately six years. He is extremely intelligent, somewhat eccentric, and is very independent in his views. I sincerely doubt that anyone could have convinced him either to run or not to run as independent.

I supported Susan Stokes in the general election in 1994 and urged my friends to do likewise.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

JOSEPH M. WHITTLE

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State of Kentucky County of Jefferson

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Joseph M. Whittle this /57 day of August, 1995.

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Notary Public Ky. State at Large

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